



The sworn and civilian members of the CPD who work in the districts are the heart of policing. They are the front line of defense on issues of public safety and assistance. We are recognizing their work in this edition's masthead photo. Left to right are: Clerk-Typist II Michelle Comarata from District Three; Specialist Frank Fede from District Two; Officer Toni Savard from District Five; Detective Rick Malone from District One; and Timekeeper Marcy Lamb from District Four.

-Photo by Rick Adams

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For the Cincinnati Police Department officers, civilian employees, retirees and their respective families.

JOINT INVESTIGATION BRINGS INDICTMENTS IN WEST END

An 18-month joint investigation by federal, state, and local law enforcement resulted in indictments and arrest warrants for 27 people for drug and weapons offenses. Teams of officers spent a day in late June taking the individuals into custody.

In the fall of 2008, a dramatic rise in violent crime in the West End led to a statistical analysis of 125 felonious assaults involving firearms and homicides. Twenty percent of the offenses were found to have had Tot Lot Posse members as either victims or suspects. The Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) worked with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Ohio Adult Parole Authority, and the Hamilton County Probation Department to identify approximately 70 members of this gang.

During the course of the investigation, ATF agents and CPD officers purchased or recovered 41 firearms and more than 1300 grams of crack cocaine. The investigation that began in November 2008 has become the largest criminal conspiracy prosecution case in the history of the CPD.

The ATF and CPD led the team of investigators. Participants included the US Attorney's Office, Southern District of Ohio; the US Marshals Service, Southern District of Ohio; the Ohio Attorney General's Office of Criminal Justice Services; the Ohio Adult Parole Authority; the Hamilton County

Prosecutor's Office; and the Hamilton County Probation Department.

Since these arrests, members of the Hamilton County Probation Department, the Ohio Adult Parole Authority, and the Cincinnati Police Vortex Unit have conducted home visits with probationers and parolees to inform them of opportunities, options and assistance in making positive changes in their lives. The arrests represent delivery on the promise of the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV): When a member of a group or gang engages in violence, the full resources of law enforcement will be brought to prosecute the entire gang to the maximum extent of the law.

"[These] arrests continue to show that the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence is working," Mayor Mark Mallory said. "We are going to do what is necessary to keep this community safe."

Assistant Police Chief James L. Whalen said "... the entire law enforcement community stands united in fulfilling our CIRV promise with the members of the Tot Lot Posse. It is our hope that the West End community will see this as an opportunity to reclaim their neighborhood."

"This is a great example of ATF and CPD working together and removing violent criminals from the streets of Cincinnati. ATF is committed to continuing our support of CIRV, said Brandt Schenken, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, ATF Columbus Field Division.

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FROM THE DESK OF . . .

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.,
Cincinnati Police Chief

At one Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV) gathering, I asked the people gathered (all were ordered by their parole officers to attend) how many of them had children. Several hands went up. I pointed to one, asked his age and the age of his child. He was 27 and his boy was four. I told him “If you continue the type of violent behavior for which you have previously been jailed, the next time you might get a 30-year sentence or more. By the time you are released, your son will be seven years older than you are now and you will be 57. You will have missed 30 birthdays, 30 Christmases, graduation, family gatherings. Cincinnati will have changed so much in 30 years you won’t recognize many places. But most important, you will not have been any part of your son’s growing up. He will be older than you are now before you again have any quality time with him.”

The man’s eyes widened as I told him a truth he had never considered. So did others in the audience.

I relate this, because the lead story in this issue is of particular interest for several reasons: the statistical analysis of networking data on criminals, partnering with other agencies, and the effectiveness of the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV).

The Tot Lot Posse first appeared about ten years ago. We had a successful round-up and prosecution of many members. Gang members who are sent to prison lose their status; to generate a following after they are released, they have to work their way back up the ladder. This is done through other violent crimes: shooting, killing, robbing. Therefore a couple of years ago when those who had drawn the heaviest sentences started being released from prison, we saw a correlating increase in violent crime in the West End.

The Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) was one of several agencies we partnered with on this situation. ATF’s resources included imbedding a couple of agents in the district; at one point ATF officials told us it was the largest operation they had going in the country in terms of purchasing weapons. Meanwhile, our data analysis helped us identify patterns of association and networks. We knew who the leaders of splinter groups were and how they were connected to others. As the CIRV project promises, when a member of a gang engages in violence, our full resources will bear down to prosecute the entire gang to the maximum extent of the law.

The people arrested in these crimes are now facing federal charges with sentences of 40 years to life. The tough guy bravado of a 20-year-old who realizes he won’t see the light of freedom until he is 60 will often crumble after he’s had a few weeks in jail to stew. Many have provided details on “friends” who were still free, but who had executed far worse crimes. The informants were told clearly from the beginning that the first time they told a lie, they lost their immunity on that case, the information they were giving us would be used against them. Already facing serious jail time, we had their attention. We’ve been able to use this information to solve two dozen previously unsolved homicides as well as other crimes.

These informants did not, however, “get off.” Sentence reductions might have dropped from 40 to life to a mandatory 30 years, but that gives a person a long time to think about what he has done.

Do we get through to all the people we talk to in the CIRV program? No. But we are gradually getting an increasing number to understand they have choices and to choose a different path in life

New Challenges

The depressed economy has brought about some creative new scams and we are working actively with the FBI on mortgage fraud cases. Financial crime, Internet crime, identity thefts are all serious problems. How many of our Department do we have focused on these issues as opposed to dealing with drugs, homicides, and violent crimes? That is a hard question. At the same time the renaissance of the downtown area with a casino coming in, more retail, bars, restaurants, and performing arts activities, all combine to create the need for more police. We must cover all these bases with a limited number of people. It stretches our resources and becomes a delicate balancing act on how we deploy manpower.

Currently we are dealing with the needed “shrinkage” to meet budget constraints through normal attrition rather than layoffs. We are down about 35 people; by this time in 2011, we will probably be down another 40 people.

Police work is not easy and neither are the administrative challenges we must handle to remain a viable institution. The bottom line for all of us is using the resources we have as best we can to remain solvent and do the job effectively, efficiently. I appreciate the effort each of you put into the tasks we face every day.



A scorching hot and humid day made crossing the finish line at this year's Torch Run particularly challenging.



2010 TORCH RUN

June 23 was a blistering hot and humid day, but despite that a group of officers, civilian employees and a few family members participated in the Cincinnati portion of this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Following a brief ceremony at the Police Memorial, the group took off on the 16-mile run to the Springdale Police Department. Although other law enforcement agencies were represented, the largest contingent of runners was from the Cincinnati Police Department.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run has spread to all 50 states and 35 countries around the world since it began with the Police Department in Wichita, Kansas, in 1981 as a way to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics. It is a grassroots, all-volunteer effort, and all money raised is used to support expenses like lodging and meals for Special Olympics participants. Last year, Ohio's Torch Run raised more than \$420,000 for Special Olympics. 🏠

The day may have been hot, but the food made it worthwhile! A group of CPD officers enjoy the post-run picnic up in Springdale. From the left in the foreground are: Officer Alex Hasse, D4; Officer Melissa Cummins, D5; Officer Bryan Stormes, Traffic Unit; and Officer Nicholas Hagman, PO District 3. In the background Officer Tim Lutz, D5, can be seen chowing down!



Springdale Police Chief Michael Laage carried the torch at the beginning of the run. Chief Laage's participation was particularly significant because earlier this year he underwent cardiac surgery and has made an excellent recovery. His son Mike, who is a Special Olympics athlete, as well as his daughters Katy and Sarah, also ran with their dad.

Photos by Michelle Faulkner

CPD FORENSIC VIDEO *By Peter Hollister*



Specialist Ralph Unger checks over a video of a convenience store robbery. Unger is a Certified Analyst, one of 26 people in the world to have earned this certification.

FACT: The average American has his or her image captured 25-30 times a day, every day of the year, and that number grows almost daily.

Imagine yourself running a normal agenda of errands. You go to the local branch bank for business there and your image is captured by one or two digital cameras in the parking lot and then by several more inside the bank, depending on where you go, what you do, and how long you are there.

You also need to go to the pharmacy which is just down the block past the Ford dealership. You walk through the dealership parking lot getting your image captured by

their surveillance video cams at least a few times.

As you approach the pharmacy, their video cameras catch you striding through their parking lot; there are more in the store recording your visit. Again the number of images simply depends on where in the store you go and how long you are there.

But, it is not unreasonable to suggest you have had your image recorded 12 – 15 times during this one-hour period of a routine day.

Now, imagine a man has just robbed that branch bank. He runs from the bank, through the dealership lot, past the pharmacy, etc. He, too, has had his image captured

many times and each image taken presents an opportunity for the police to follow, identify and ultimately apprehend the thief.

Today's police officers and investigators have to be constantly aware of all of the surveillance equipment and resources in the beat areas they cover. They must know whatever direction a suspect may run, which businesses and other entities have video equipment that might have caught the suspect in flight. And, they must be prepared to work cooperatively with the owners of the video cameras so they are able to secure the data in whatever form it has been collected in a timely fashion.

CPD is one of a handful of police departments across the country with a state-of-the-art forensic video lab and three highly trained and skilled personnel who can take the raw materials from dozens of dissimilar video cameras and piece it together into useful evidence.

Headed by Sergeant Rudy Gruenke, the lab also includes Specialist Ralph Unger and Officer Alice Stallcup. Gruenke and Unger are two of only 26 people who have become Certified Analysts in the world. Stallcup is one of only 44 Certified Technicians and she is on track to become a Certified Analyst.

Why does CPD have what seems to be this disproportionate amount of talent in this highly specialized technical field? "Because," according to Gruenke, "Chief Streicher is committed to using state-of-the-art technology to support his human resources. The equipment is not inexpensive but the work we can do with the equipment to turn raw data into useful information for investigators and court-ready evidence truly supports every cop on the beat and the mission of the Department as a whole. In addition," Gruenke points out, "the CPD forensic video operation is considered a regional lab and about 40 percent of our time is spent supporting other regional law enforcement agencies."

Stallcup noted that the lab's work generally results in two kinds of deliverables. "We produce video products to assist those who are investigating crimes, and we produce materials for use as evidence by prosecutors in the court room."

It is not unusual for the raw data to come to the lab in many forms, still photos, film, digital and non-digital video, cell phone photos, etc. "Our job," Stallcup continued, "is to take whatever raw data we receive and using a series of software programs, mix and match the raw material into a series of cohesive photos, or videos or whatever is required to build as clear a picture as possible of the suspect and his or her activities. Despite the speed of the equipment we use, because of the dissimilarity of the sources of the data, it is not unusual to take several hours to build an end-product that satisfies our standards."

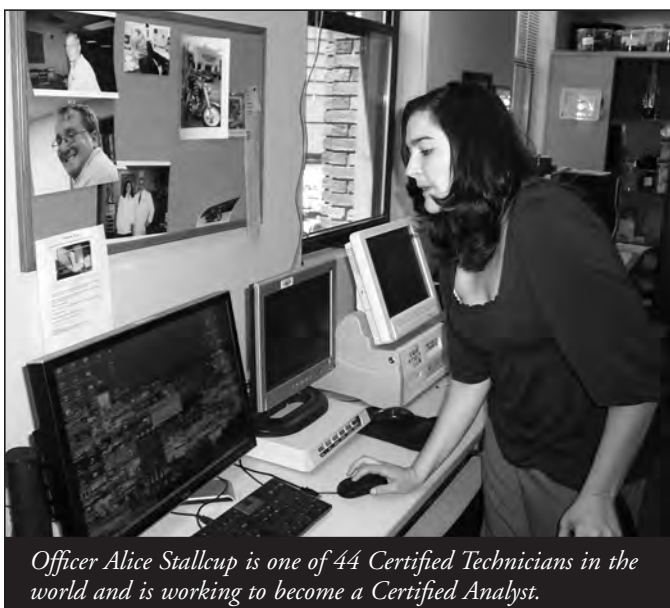
"We are using excellent equipment [the Avid System, a non-linear editing system]" Stallcup suggests, "but this is not the CSI you see on TV where data appears to be instant-in and instant-out. It takes time and we must do the job right, the first time."

While this unit is referred to as the forensic video lab, that title is somewhat a misnomer since the unit also works to clarify audio data and to extract information and evidence from confiscated cell phones.

Using a Digital Audio Corporation (DAC) system called the "Cardinal," members of the unit can enter audio tapes that, on the surface, seem garbled and nearly indiscernible. By working the raw product through the Cardinal's digital filtering systems, background noises and unwanted gibberish can be reduced and targeted voices made more audible. Again, as Gruenke noted, "this audio clarification gives our investigators and our prosecutors more to work with in solving and resolving criminal activity."

Confiscated cell phones have become an excellent source of information and evidence and members of the video lab have become expert at extracting data from these devices. Specialist Unger noted, "Just a few years ago, cell phones gave us access to numbers called and received and to some voice messages. Today's more sophisticated cell phones also provide us with photos and digital text as well as voice. A talkative suspect, especially one who likes to brag about his or her activities, can provide us with a lot of useful information."

If you would like to see an example of the lab's work, pay close attention to the photos and video that appear on most "Crimestoppers" spots. Most of these are produced by this team of CPD officers. 🏠



Officer Alice Stallcup is one of 44 Certified Technicians in the world and is working to become a Certified Analyst.



Sergeant Rudy Gruenke, who is also a Certified Analyst, heads the unit.

75 YEARS OF FINANCIAL SERVICE

Written by Patricia Trubow
Photos by Mary Lou Berning and Phil Lind



Guests at the anniversary reception who have been members for more than 40 years gathered for a historic photo.



The late Irv Specht.

"I worked down the hall from Irv Specht and it didn't take long for him to get me involved as a volunteer. As a credit officer, Irv would bring an application down the hall and say it was good. I don't ever remember refusing one. We tried not to keep our people waiting for their checks."

*~ Robert Roeper,
Member for 73 years*

Robert Roeper, a member for 73 years, Barb Corbett, and August Foldmann, a member for 51 years, enjoyed visiting with one another at the reception.



This year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Cincinnati Ohio Police Federal Credit Union (COPFCU). Since its beginning in 1935, COPFCU has never lost sight of the importance of service to members.

In 1935 officers were required to purchase their own firearms. With starting salaries of only \$125 a month, a \$25 firearm was a significant expense. A small group of dedicated volunteers pooled resources and started COPFCU, initially using a cigar box kept in the Property Room in the basement of City Hall to store their meager funds.

The man in charge of that cigar box, Irv Specht, is widely regarded as the "father" of COPFCU and was known for championing the organization, getting people to open savings accounts, take out loans, and volunteer to help out in a variety of roles. Long ago outgrowing that cigar box, COPFCU today has over \$80 million in assets, serves 8,500-plus members, has two branches in addition to its main office, and is part of a nationwide network of "shared branching" that permits members to receive services at other credit unions all over the country. The membership has expanded to include all police, firefighters, educators and government employees located in eight counties.

COPFCU President Tina Wocher credits Jerry Gramke, chairman of the organization's board of trustees, for the variety of services and innovations that are offered to members. Elected to a credit union committee in 1971 when COPFCU had \$2 million in assets and 1,600 members, Gramke has remained an active volunteer. In 1974 he became a board member and has served since 1978 as its chairman.

"As the financial market has changed, Jerry has been in the forefront challenging us to change and to better serve our members. He doesn't use a computer, but told us we needed a website, that we needed to make it possible for members to fill out



Lieutenant David Fink and his children represent the future of the Credit Union.



Betty and Jerry Gramke following the presentation of the "Volunteer of the Year" award by the Ohio Credit Union League to Jerry.



Loan Officer Michelle Owens was among the COPFCU staff at the reception.



Lois and Clem Merz have been Credit Union members for 70 years! Merz served on the board of trustees in the 1970s.



Retired CPD Specialist and current City Councilman Cecil Thomas presented COPFCU President Tina Wocher (who was standing on a chair) with a proclamation from the City in honor of the 75th anniversary.

loan papers and so on all day long. Police work different shifts and he wanted us to accommodate them," says Wocher. "All of our board members work hard on these issues, but Jerry deserves special recognition for his foresight and dedication to membership service."

Gramke was honored earlier this year by the Ohio Credit Union League as the state's "Volunteer of the Year" for his years of service to COPFCU.

After Gramke retired from CPD, he spent 15 years with Provident Bank, retiring as vice president of security from that organization.

Because of his good relationship with them, he was able to negotiate a no-surcharge ATM service to COPFCU members. Provident then went on to offer this same no fee service to other credit unions in the area, thereby benefiting their operations as well. This is just one example of his foresightedness in seeking better member services.

Gramke has always encouraged the staff and board to take an active role in the community. A few of COPFCU activities include the granting of \$8,000 a year in scholarships to members, funding accounts for mentally disabled students so they can learn to handle financial transactions,

coordinating with other area credit unions to donate school supplies to Price Hill children in need, participating at police sponsored events, and donating regularly to the Crime Stoppers program. He also developed Robbery Training course materials and has directed a seminar in robbery safety for area credit unions.

This summer the Credit Union celebrated its diamond anniversary with a special evening reception. Approximately 200 dropped in to enjoy a delicious buffet in the Credit Union, as well as tour the adjacent Police Museum which was open to take part in the festivities. 🏠

HCPA AWARD WINNERS

Several Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) officers were among those presented with Hamilton County Law Enforcement Community's Police Appreciation and Achievement awards at the 43 annual Police Appreciation Awards dinner hosted by FOP Queen City Lodge No. 69.

ACT OF BRAVERY

Police Officer Charles Knapp was honored for his actions while on bicycle patrol in Over the Rhine. When he spotted a suspect wanted for several robberies, he ordered the man to stop. The suspect darted into an apartment building with Knapp following him, again ordering him to stop. In a narrow hallway, the man turned and fired on Knapp who returned fire, striking the suspect several times. Knapp then placed the suspect in custody, confiscating the man's handgun. Officer Knapp responded bravely, remaining calm in the face of considerable peril thereby saving himself and other responding officers from harm.

CONTRIBUTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Captain Richard Schmalz joined the Department as a cadet in 1965. He has had a variety of assignments through the years, applying himself diligently to each. While District Four Commander, he worked closely with community groups as the CPD operational policies evolved from traditional policing to Community Oriented Policing. For 30 years he was active with the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, assisting other agencies with training and equipment for their SWAT units. While heading the Criminal Investigation Section, he developed strong working relationships with investigative personnel in other jurisdictions and with the prosecutor's and coroner's offices, helping build cases to successfully prosecute some of the community's worst offenders.

Schmalz has worked with agencies such as Women Helping Women, Inc. and Hamilton County's Child Death Review committee to advocate for victims. He has been very active with the Hamilton County Police Association and as a member of The Shield, has raised funds to assist families of officers who have been injured or killed in their work. He is a strong role model and mentor for junior officers. Captain Schmalz's ability, leadership, good humor, kindness, and wisdom are valued by his colleagues and the community. Throughout his career his professionalism, dedication, and enthusiasm for law enforcement has neither wavered nor diminished.

POLICE WORK WITH CHILDREN

Sergeant Mark Fowler was cited for his efforts to involve children from Avondale and Bond Hill in baseball team play. Several years ago he and his brother became concerned by the corresponding decline



From the left Officer Charles Knapp, Lieutenant Colonel Vince Demasi, Sergeant Mark Fowler, Officer Paul Grein, and Captain Richard Schmalz.

in participation in organized sports and the rise in criminal activity by inner city youth. They formed a baseball team, the Cincinnati Padres, for seven- to ten-year-olds. Today they have five teams with 75 boys and girls ranging in age from five to 17 participating. The teams are supported by Cincinnati Police Activities League and the Reds Rookie Success League. The Padres have been recognized for its professionalism and sportsmanship by the local Knothole organization and the Southwest Ohio League Baseball. Sergeant Fowler has done this on his own time while juggling family commitments and dealing with the challenges of health issues. He has dedicated himself to revitalizing the communities of District Four and seeing kids playing baseball in parks the way he and his brothers did as children.

OUTSTANDING TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/EDUCATION

Officer Paul Grein was honored for excellence in traffic enforcement. An officer for 21 years, Grein developed an interest in traffic safety early in his career. Twelve years ago he was assigned to the Traffic Unit where he quickly completed training in crash investigation and reconstruction, becoming one of CPD's first traffic crash reconstructionists. His expertise in proper arrest techniques on operating a vehicle under the influence (OVI) charges, has earned the praise of both City and County prosecutors for his outstanding court preparation and presentation. In 2009 he partnered with the City Prosecutor's Office to present a program on OVI at the annual Neighborhood Summit, covering the hazards of driving while impaired, as well as a practical exercise on what to expect when arrested for OVI. The program was so successful it was repeated at this year's Neighborhood Summit.

SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT IN POLICE LEADERSHIP

A 35-year CPD veteran, Lieutenant Colonel Vincent Demasi currently serves as Investigation Bureau Commander. Demasi has led numerous programs that have enhanced the training and development of personnel and has built creative, mutually beneficial relationships with area universities. The Academy's curriculum has earned accreditation that its content meets college-level requirements. Working with the University of Cincinnati Policing Institute (UCPI) has enabled CPD officers to earn a master's degree on duty with UCPI absorbing tuition costs. In addition, UCPI graduate students work with CPD on crime analysis, mapping, research and link and network analysis. While Administration Bureau Commander with responsibility for Internal Investigations Section, Demasi took an active role in mandating review of all critical incidents. This review was applied to recruit, in-service and management training and is partially responsible for a dramatic reduction in injuries to officers and citizens in the use of force and in citizen complaints. He is involved in community organizations including Women Helping Women and the Order of the Sons of Italy, working on fund raisers that provide scholarships to young people.



From the left: Officer Keith Witherell, Specialist Bill Hilbert, Officer Charlene Morton, and Specialist Eric Karaguleff.



Officer Jennifer Mitsch

BEST INVESTIGATIVE JOB LEADING TO SOLUTION OF A CRIME

Specialists William Hilbert and Eric Karaguleff, and Officers Keith Witherell, Jennifer Mitsch, Charlene Morton, Jennifer Ernst, and Anthony White were presented with awards for their work in bringing serial killer Anthony Kirkland to justice. Canine Officers Ernst and White

conducted the search following the disappearance of young Esme Kenney locating both Kirkland and later on, Kenney's body. Homicide Unit Detectives Witherell and Hilbert, who were lead investigators on the murders of Casonya Crawford and Mary Jo



Officer Anthony White and Recon (Tundra);
Officer Jennifer Ernst and Bak.

Newton, interviewed Kirkland and obtained his confession on the murders of all three victims, as well as information on a fourth murder victim, Kimya Rolison. Homicide Detective Mitsch was lead investigator on the Kenney case and case presentation officer for the capital murder case against the suspect. Personal Crimes Detective Morton presented Kirkland as a possible suspect for the Crawford/Newton murders based on her familiarity with him from other Personal Crimes investigations. She conducted the initial interview with him following his arrest, but before the discovery of Kenney's body. The efforts of these officers contributed to the successful prosecution of Anthony Kirkland who pled guilty to two of the murders and was found guilty on the other two.

CITIZEN AWARD

WKRC-TV Local 12 newscaster Deborah Dixon was honored for her longtime support of law enforcement efforts. A talented broadcaster, she has been active in raising awareness about the victims of local crimes and the perpetrators who must be brought to justice. In 1980, Dixon was instrumental in bringing Crime Stoppers to Cincinnati and her dedication to this project has helped the area's program become one of the most successful in the world. Thousands of cases have been solved as a result of the anonymous tips brought in. She initiated bringing in guests to spin the "Wheel of Justice" which has helped introduce law enforcement officials to the people they serve. Deborah Dixon is a respected professional who has consistently used her position as a news reporter to make our community a better, safer place to live. The wife of Lieutenant Roger Hildebrand (retired), she is a valued member of the CPD family. 🐾



TRANSITIONS

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following individuals who were promoted between April 1 and July 31. We wish them success in their new positions.

Promotions – Sworn Personnel

Officer Mary P. Braun, promoted to Police Specialist, District One

Officer Christian L. Campo, promoted to Police Specialist, Central Vice Control Section

Officer Ronald R. Hale, II, promoted to Police Specialist, Training Section – Firearms Training Section

Officer Steven E. Hamann, promoted to Police Specialist, District One – Downtown Services Unit

Officer James P. Pike, promoted to Police Specialist, District Five

Officer CaSandra Clifton, promoted to Sergeant, District Three

Specialist Ronald R. Hale, II, promoted to Police Sergeant, Training Section – Firearms Training Section

Specialist Ryan L. Smith, promoted to Police Sergeant, District Four

Specialist Douglas G. Snider, promoted to Police Sergeant, District One

Promotions – Civilian Personnel

Arin B. Napier, Accountant to Senior Accountant, Personnel/Finance Management Section

Charles A. Bates, III, Assistant Operator/Dispatcher to Operator/Dispatcher, Communications Section

Judith F. Gazaway, Assistant Operator/Dispatcher to Operator/Dispatcher, Communications Section

Heather M. Johnson, Assistant Operator/Dispatcher to Operator/Dispatcher, Communications Section

Michelle J. Popplewell, Assistant Operator/Dispatcher to Operator/Dispatcher, Communications Section

Carrie R. Vanderpool, Assistant Operator/Dispatcher to Operator/Dispatcher, Communications Section

RETIREMENTS

The following individuals retired from the Department between April 1 and July 31. Their years of service to the Cincinnati Police Department and the City of Cincinnati are appreciated and they will be missed. We wish them a long and happy retirement.

44 years

- Specialist Daniel Ochsner, District Five

39 years

- Lieutenant Donald Smith, District 3

38 years

- Sergeant Daniel F. Tiemeier, District Three
(Sergeant Tiemeier also worked three additional years with the City)

36 years

- Officer Leonard Vollman, Intelligence Section

30 years

- Sergeant Guy L. Wilhite, Evidence Property Management Section

28 years

- Specialist David L. Ausdenmoore, Criminal Investigation Section

20 years

- Operator/Dispatcher Donna R. Smith, Communications section

9 years

- Officer Lauren Shari, District Two, 9 years



IN MEMORIAM

The Personnel Unit received notice that the following retirees passed away between April 1 and July 31 of this year. We remember their service to the Cincinnati Police Department and wish to express our condolences to their respective families.

Captain Robert J. Heinlein, of Cincinnati, died April 6, 2010, at age 80, served from 1951-1980

Lieutenant Hubert A. Burger, of Cincinnati, died July 2, 2010, at age 75, served from 1959-1988

MUSEUM RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS GRIFFIN YEATMAN AWARD

Photo by Phil Lind



The Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society was presented with the Griffin Yeatman Award on June 8. The Hamilton County Recorder's Office established this award in 1994 to recognize citizens and groups who volunteer their time and services to preserve historic records and promote historic sites and events in the community. The award recognizes those who work to help others understand historic preservation and promote the public interest in preservation.

The museum, which opened in July 2005 on the west side of the building in which the Police Credit Union is located, represents the more than 70 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies that serve the Greater Cincinnati area. Museum volunteers regularly participate in the National Night Out events and helped host the centennial celebration of Cincinnati's oldest police station, District Three in Price Hill. They have also done extensive work to research and document details on the 183 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty in this area.

In this photo, Lieutenant Alan March (on left), the museum's president, is presented with the award by Wayne Coates, the Hamilton County Recorder. 🏠

EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CO-WORKERS AFTER THEY RETIRED?
THIS COLUMN GIVES BRIEF PROFILES ON A FEW CPD RETIREES EACH ISSUE.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY NOW?

OFFICER PAMELA BUTLER

Retired 2002, 12 years

After knee injuries led to a disability retirement, Pam earned her associate's degree as a legal assistant in 2009 from Cincinnati State. Since then she's enjoyed the freedom of an unscheduled life at her Winton Place home. Her elder son, Timothy Roberts, graduated from Eastern Kentucky in education, but has since become an electrician. Second son Thomas Roberts graduated from West Point in 2004. After five years in the Army, he was discharged with the rank of captain; he works in Philadelphia in surgical equipment sales. She has six grandchildren. She has started playing the clarinet again, taking lessons at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. "I can sit here and toot my own horn!"

SPECIALIST W. RUSSELL HAWTHORNE

Retired 1981, 27 years

Russ was recruited by Fred Moore, then chief executive officer of Molitor Loan & Building Company, to enter the financial world when Russ retired from CPD. After attending some banking schools he was put in charge of Molitor's Corryville office. Molitor was eventually bought out by Central Trust which was later bought by PNC; Russ retired in 1993 from PNC Bank as the College Hill branch manager. Today he works part-time for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission as a starter at Newmann Golf Course. He and Evelyn, who have been married 55 years, live in College Hill. Their son and daughter, Russ and Melissa, both live in Cincinnati. And his advice to the working world? "Hang in there and take care of yourselves so you can live as long as I have!"

LIEUTENANT EMERY MAPES

Retired 1988, 27 years

Recruited by Charles O'Mera to work in security for Cincinnati Financial Corporation, Emery became chief of security when O'Mera retired a few years later. He retired from

Cincinnati Financial in 1997 and began enjoying his retirement. He and Joann live in Miller Township and have been married 52 years. Emery says with a smile that "she is still my girl friend." The couple spends three months in San Antonio every winter. "It is a great community, a nice, safe town with a lot of fun celebrations. You can drive out in the desert or up into the Hill Country. We love it there." They return by the end of March to start preparing the ground for their vegetable and multiple flower gardens. The couple has 10 children, 34 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Although he has plenty to keep him busy, Emery says "I miss talking to the guys at work."

SERGEANT PETE RIDDER

Retired 2001, 22 years

Even as a young boy, Pete Ridder often had a hammer in his hand, building something. That love grew into a woodworking hobby that flourished after he took several cabinet-making courses. He's worked in a friend's cabinet shop and frequently has projects going at the homes of different family members. A former FOP president, Pete serves as chaplain of the FOP's Retired Police Officers Association. He is an active member of East Price Hill Improvement and Price Hill Civic Association. Pete and Pamela, his wife of 34 years, live in Delhi. The three children of their late daughter are now 10, 11, and 13 and live nearby, enabling the Ridders to be active grandparents. Their two younger daughters live in Covington. "Spending time with kids and grandkids at the end of the day is important. They grow so fast and that time with them is precious, something you never get back."

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN III JOANN SPIESS

Retired 2004, 36 years

A longtime fan of the Cincinnati Reds, Joann continues to be active in the "Rosy Reds." She is a former president of the fan-based group

and regularly attends the games with her fellow Rosy Reds. At least once a year she takes part in one of the group's bus trips to a week-end out-of-town series of games. "We have a wonderful time!" Joann also volunteers regularly with the Hamilton County Parks District. Her two primary activities with them are working with the naturalists at Glenwood Gardens located off of Glendale-Milford Road with touring school and camp groups and assisting with the Special Olympics Golf Tournament the Parks District holds in September. "I read a lot, too, but I'm basically enjoying doing nothing," she laughs. Joann lives in Colerain Township. 🐾

CPD FAMILY/ FRIENDS FLORIDA PICNIC

Although officially for retirees, even the currently employed are welcome at the CPD Family/Friends fall picnic in Florida scheduled for Saturday, October 30. The event will begin at 11 a.m. and will wrap up around 6 p.m. Activities planned include a cornhole tournament, fishing, kayaking, swimming, and lots of talking. The picnic will be held at Fort DeSoto Park on Tierra Verde Island, St. Petersburg Beach.

Attendees who stay overnight in the area will be gathering at an area bar on Sunday, October 31, to watch the Bengals play Miami.

For more information or to sign up to attend, contact organizer Steve Wilger at 513-474-3566 or 513-225-5518. 🐾

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D-4 CO-SPONSORS AVIATION CAREER EDUCATION CAMP



Officers Gene Seay, Wiley Ross, and Jody Edwards with the lucky kids from District Four who were chosen to attend the Aviation Camp. Captain Eliot Isaac said "This was a great event and we hope to do even more projects of this type in the future."

Air Force Base. There they visited the National Museum of the US Air Force and went aboard former Air Force One planes that are kept in a hangar at the museum site. The last day was Discover Flight Day at the Blue Ash Airport where campers were given flights aboard Cessna aircraft. It was their first flight for most of them.

Programs such as these help stretch the horizons of youngsters as well as stress the importance of staying in school, staying out of trouble, and earning good grades. Participation by the CPD shows our commitment to the future of our young people.

Things were up in the air this July for 20 lucky adolescents living in District Four. The youth, who were between 12 and 18, were selected to take part in an Aviation Career Education Camp that was co-sponsored by the Cincinnati Police Department, Brown Condor Aviation, the Sentinel Police Association, US Air National Guard, In Too Deep Scuba, Co-op Aviation, and Executive Jet Management.

During the four-day camp, the young people met with military, government, and private sector professionals whose work involves airplanes and flight. Two days were spent at Lunken Airport where they toured the control tower and attended presentations by the Civil Air Patrol, the Cincinnati Fire Department, US Air National Guard, Executive Jet Management, and the Hamilton County Sheriff's 9H10 helicopter crew.

On the third day they took a trip to Wright-Patterson



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